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SUBJECT: SIXTH ANNUAL INDONESIAN PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE:
REQUEST FOR USG PARTICIPANT

REF: (A) JAKARTA 1216, (B) STATE 026851

1. ORGANIZERS OF SUBJECT CONFERENCE INDICATE APPROPRIATE GOI AND PERTAMINA OFFICALS HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE OF CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR USG PARTICIPANT; REACTION HS BEEN FAVORABLE. EMBASSY HAS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED IDEA OF POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION WITH KEY AIDE OF MINES MINISTER SADLI WHO HAD NO OBJECTION TO IDA. SOURCE FELT DISCUSSION OF US ENERGY POLICIES WOULD BE A GREAT INTERST TO GOI/PERTAMINA AS WELL AS INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES.

2. IN VIEW OF FACT IPA PROCEEDINGS ARE RECOGNIZED PRIMARILY AS TECHNICAL FORUMS (SAMPLE PAPER FROM LAST YEAR'S MEETING: SEDIMENT DISTRIBUTION PATTERNS IN THE MODENR MAHAKAM DELTA), WE DOUBT PRESENCE OF USG REP WOULD CAUSE POLITIZATION OF PROCEEDINGS. WE AGREE WITH DEPARTMENT THAT PAPER ON USG ENERGY POLICY WOULD BE MOST APPROPRIATE. WE DO NOT THINK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOI STANCE RE OPEC OR CURRENT DISCUSSIONS ON INCENTIVES SHOULD CREATE ANY PROBLEMS FOR PARTICIPANT. WE WILL, OF COURSE, ALERT DEPARTMENT SHOULD SITUATION CHANGE BUT WE DO NOT FORESEE THIS HAPPENING.

3. WE PERCEIVE NO PROBLEMS WITH ANY BIAS OR SELF INTEREST ON PART OF ORGANIZERS (CHAIRMAN OF THIS YEAR'S

IPA CONFERENCE IS EXPATRIATE EXPLORATION MANAGER OF ARCO, VICE CHAIRMAN IS DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS IN PERTAMINA'S FOREIGN CONTRACTORS OFFICE).

4. ORGANIZERS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE RESPONSE TO THEIR INVITATION BY END OF FEBRUARY INDICATING WHETHER OR NOT SOMEONE FROM USG CAN DELIVER PAPER ON US ENERGY POLICIES. NAME OF ACTUAL PARTICIPANT CAN FOLLOW LATTER. FYI: KEYNOTE SPEAKER WILL BE WILFORD YOUNG, VICE CHAIRMAN OF BOARD FOR TEXACO. ALSO SPEAKING WILL BE MINES MINISTER SADLI AND PERTAMINA PRESIDENT HARYONO. OTHER PAPERS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR ECONOMICS SESSION WILL BE ON INDONESIAN ENERGY RESOURCES (POSSIBLY BY OIL AND GAS DIRECTOR WIJARSO) AND ON ROLE OF PETROLEUM IN INDONESIAN ECONOMY (POSSIBLY BY MINISTER SUMITRO).

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